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EDUCATION

Palmer schools hopes to bring students back next week

By Jonah Snowden
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PALMER – Palmer High School and Old Mill Pond Elementary are planning to enter a new phase, adjusting their hybrid plan to bring students back to their buildings next week.

Superintendent of Schools Patricia Gardner said officials have a plan to phase in cohorts at both schools and bring them back for in-person learning four days each week. Students would not be present on Wednesdays, which is when deep cleaning and sanitization in the buildings will take place.

Following Gov. Charlie Baker's recent push for increased in-person learning, Gardner said a decision was made to adjust their hybrid plan.

"I've been working with the chair of the school committee, my administrative team and the Palmer Teachers Association," Gardner said.



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If all goes according to plan, happier days could be ahead for Palmer students. In addition to a return to in-person learning four days a week, the start of a delayed football season is just around the corner.

"Our hope is that on Mar. 15, our kindergarten and first grade students will return for four days. We also hope on Mar. 15 our juniors and seniors can return for four days and then we will be looking at phasing in our other students. We will

monitor the virus and monitor the directions we get from DESE (Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education) and the governor."

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MEOWCH MADNESS



Courtesy photo

Let Here Today Adopted Tomorrow make your March Madness meal and help the cat sanctuary take care of and find homes for homeless felines. Pre-order your meal by March 17.

Hoop it up with gourmet game grub and help the cat sanctuary

BRIMFIELD — Cat sanctuary and adoption center Here Today Adopted Tomorrow is participating in March Madness this year – but only as they can do.

Don't worry: you won't see cats on the court! Instead, HTAT is offering pre-game meals "takeout" so that you can enjoy the March 21 game at home and help local pets at the same time. They will feed you on game night, and your meal purchase will help them feed pets in need.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, Here Today Adopted Tomorrow's "Meowch Madness" will take the place of its usual Spay-ghetti Supper. The fundraiser will benefit HTAT's programs that help keep pets and people together, such as their new Pet Food Pantry, their low-cost spay/neuter program, and their free behavioral help program.

"The past year has shown us that pets and families need each other more than ever," Executive Director Rachael Max said.

"Even though we can't gather together to watch the game, we're excited to offer our community a new way to come together in spirit and help local pets at the same time. You can watch March Madness right from home while enjoying some delicious pre-game treats."

The food is prepared by longtime Spay-ghetti Supper culinary professional Chef Casey, who is also one of the facility's best volunteers. Chef Casey will serve chili, his world-fa-

mous mac and cheese – a Spay-ghetti Supper favorite.

From now until March 17, participants can pre-order their Meowch Madness meal, or donate a meal to a neighbor, by visiting heretodaysanctuary.org or calling 413-324-8224. Participants can pick up their meals without contact at the Brimfield Congregational Church 4-6 p.m. on March 21.

Need assistance?

In order to keep Meowch Madness safe and COVID-friendly for everyone, meals are available by pre-order only. And stay-tuned for more cat-themed March Madness fun!

If you need assistance feeding or caring for your pet, Here Today Adopted Tomorrow can help. Local cat owners can spay or neuter their cats for \$50 or less, and strays and ferals can be altered for free. In addition, those struggling to feed their pets can apply to the Pet Food Pantry. Contact them by phone or visit their website.

About the sanctuary

Here Today Adopted Tomorrow was founded by mother-daughter team Barbara Horn and Rachael Max. HTAT is a volunteer-driven group focused on reducing the number of homeless animals in the community through prevention and adoption services. In 2012, they opened a no-kill, cageless cat adoption center for adult cats and kittens in Brimfield. They are committed to a comfortable stay for every resident, making for well-adjusted, happy animals ready

TOWN HALL

3rd candidate gets in Monson Select Board race

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MONSON – After living in Monson for 35 years and serving in various town departments, Patricia Oney has decided to run for an open seat on the Board of Selectmen.

So far, Karen Nothe-Valley and Jessica Allen have announced their candidacy for the June election. The office has a three-year term.

For as long as she has lived in Monson with husband Michael Szwed – the two have a daughter, Kathryn Szwed – Oney has been involved in town government, previously serving as the town counsel, assessor to the of the board of assessors, as a member of the school committee, the zoning board of appeals and, currently, as Gov. Charlie Baker's appointee to the Monson Housing Authority.

Oney said through these positions, she has gained a better understanding of how town government operates and her experience makes

her a qualified candidate. Her three-year term on the School Committee ended in 2019.

"Most people don't have the kind of experience with the inner workings of the different boards and committees I do," Oney said.

"The last position I had at the school committee, that was an absolute eye-opener in a lot of ways. I've also learned a lot from being on the board of assessors about finances," she said.

Oney said the most educational experience was when she served as a town attorney, which included an array of important issues, such as zoning. Among her top concern, she said, are public safety and education.

"Those are the core precepts of what municipal government is all about," Oney said.

"I also look forward to keeping an open dialogue with people and seeing what issues they have and let them bring some of their



Patricia Oney

concerns and ideas to us, so we can discuss them."

If elected, strengthening relationships with state elected officials is another goal.

"I know that they're very good about getting in touch with us and letting us know what's happening, but I'm not sure how good the talent is at directing those relationships," Oney said.

"I think the other thing is, it's important to have a robust financial position. So, we've got to look at extending the commercial enterprise, because I noticed the (new) businesses in our downtown area, which is good news. On the other hand, I think we must look at the effects of our actions on the environment. There must be a balance there, because I can say over the time, I've really seen a great elimination of open space."

Want to run for office?

The annual Monson town

election will be held 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 8, at Memorial Hall.

Candidates can run for the following offices:

Board of Selectmen, one seat, three-year term

School Committee, two seats, three-year term

School Committee, one seat (to fill the year remaining of a vacated term)

Highway Surveyor, one seat, three-year term

Board of Assessors, one seat, three-year term

Water and Sewer Commissioner, three-year term

Cemetery Commissioner, three-year term

Parks and Recreation Commissioner, three-year term

To obtain nomination papers, call 413-267-4115 or email townclerk@monson-ma.gov. The deadline to file nomination papers is Thursday, April 15.

For more information, visit monson-ma.gov.

POLICE

Father and son face felony weapons and illicit drug charges

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LUDLOW – A father and son were arrested on separate drug and firearms charges in connection with a multi-jurisdictional investigation that involved other law enforcement agencies, including the Monson Police Department, the Hampden County Special Response Team and State Police Detective Unit assigned to the Hampden District Attorney's Office.

Ludlow Police Chief Daniel Valadas said the Monson Police Department secured a search and arrest warrant for 25-year-old Ethan Fitzgerald of Ludlow, who's a suspect in a recent shooting at the Magic Lantern strip club.

"When they executed the search warrant, we developed probable cause to arrest the father," 43-year-old Joey Fitzgerald, also of Ludlow, Valadas said. Joey Fitzgerald faces the following charges:

- Possession of a Class A Substance (heroin)

- Possession of a Class B Substance (cocaine)
- Receiving a Firearm with a Defaced Number
- Unlawful Possession of Ammunition

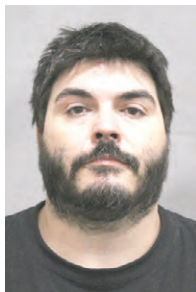
After the arrest, Fitzgerald was held on a \$2,540 bail.

"There was a great deal of cooperation between agencies," Fitzgerald said.

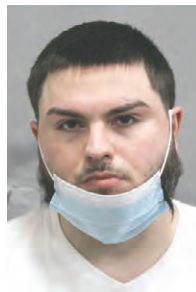
"It's unfortunate to see this type of activity happening in town," Valadas said.

"We're going to try to do everything we can to cease narcotics and firearms as much as we can to make sure our community's safe."

Ethan Fitzgerald was charged with possession of a firearm and ammunition without a license or firearms identification card, discharging a firearm within 500 feet of a dwelling and within 150 feet of a highway, and disorderly conduct in connection with the shooting incident outside Magic Lantern in late February. He was being held on \$100,000 bail.



Joey Fitzgerald



Ethan Fitzgerald



Courtesy Photos

A pistol with defaced serial numbers, three magazines, a holster, an ammunition bag, 15 baggies of heroin and a baggie of suspected cocaine was found during the arrest, police said.

Both father and son were scheduled to be arraigned at Palmer District Court.

HEALTH

Veterans can get COVID shots regardless of age

LUDLOW — The VA of Central Western Massachusetts Healthcare System will be offering the Janssen (Johnson and Johnson) COVID-19 vaccinations to VA-enrolled veterans of all ages regardless of residency on Tuesday, March 16, at the Ludlow Lodge of Elks on 69 Chapin Street.

Veterans eligible for the vaccine at this clinic can live in any town, including Palmer, Monson, Brimfield, Wales, and Holland, but must bring a VA Healthcare ID to get the shot.

Vaccines will be administered by appointment only from 9 a.m. to noon and to walk-ins – while supplies last – from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

The clinic has 150 doses to administer. The Janssen vaccine doesn't need a second dose, health officials said.

Appointments can be scheduled starting March 10. Veterans

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JUJU

Harper, 3, of Bondsville, with her bearded dragon Juju, 2. She enjoys watching him eat his crickets!

We feature your pets here and on our Facebook page every week. Is your fur friend a dog, cat, chicken, lizard, horse, bird, mouse...you get the point. Is there a pet you're fostering and trying to re-home? All pets are welcome! Email a high-resolution jpg of your pet with a little information to mharrison@turley.com.

Filing for town elected offices underway

Anyone interested in running for any of the townwide offices that will be decided by the June 8 election can begin filing their nomination papers.

One seat each will be available for the following positions:

Councilor at Large/District 2; Councilor/District 3 Councilor/Planning Board and School Committee. Each term is three years.

Candidates must be registered to vote in Palmer by May 19 to be eligible. There is no filing fee and papers must be returned by April 15.

To obtain the nomination papers and for more information, call the Town Clerk at 283-2608.

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who need information about enrollment or how to enroll in the VA are asked to call the Ludlow Veterans Office at 413-583-5600, ext. 1290.

Requirements for Vaccine:

Veterans eligible for the March 16 vaccinations in Ludlow must be enrolled in the VA Healthcare System. Call 413-582-3110 for an appointment and bring your VA Healthcare ID.

With Easter near, shop asks public for help feeding those in need

By Jonah Snowden
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PALMER – Demore's Automotive is continuing its non-stop support for the town of Palmer during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Co-owner Jay Demore said the business, which helped brighten the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays for residents in economic distress during the COVID-19 pandemic and the recession it has caused, plans on restocking Palmer Food Share and is asking for the public's assistance.

"We've had some (donation) drop-offs, but not as many we're hoping from the community," Demore said.

"The community has been great to us over all the years we've been in this town."

Demore also said he and co-owner Michelle Demore plan on purchasing \$3,000 worth of food to donate and are going to match the first \$1,500 in money donations.

"We want to continue to provide any services we can," Jay Demore said.

"The community has been great to us over all the years we've been in this town."

The auto repair shop also plans to put together meals, including ham, green beans, au gratin potatoes



Turley Publications file photo

Demore's Automotive co-owners Jay and Michelle Demore are assisting Palmer Food Share, which has greater demand because of the recession caused by COVID-19 over the past year, and putting together Easter dinners to give away to residents in need.

and more, for 100 Palmer seniors. Demore said his motivation for assisting local seniors goes back to time when he would deliver meals while in elementary school.

"It always stuck with me, being able to bring these meals to the elderly that couldn't get out otherwise," said Demore.

"It's probably because I got to stay out of school for a day, but it was always very nice going to deliver those meals when I was a kid."

Demore also said he is grateful for Russo's Lakeside Seafood and Steakhouse, which has consistently partnered with Demore's Automotive to help feed those in need.

"They donated half the meals last Easter and last Thanksgiving

and now are making meals at a reduced price," said Demore.

"They have done this even though they have been impacted very hard like all restaurants have been. I want them to know how much I appreciate them and the community should know, even though they are impacted by the shutdowns more than most, out of the goodness of their hearts they are still giving."

The last day donations can be brought to Demore's Automotive is March 26. For any questions, call 413-283-5238 during regular business hours and ask for office administrator JoAnn Demore. All donations and checks can be brought to the shop at 1160 Park St., Palmer.

Over 200 dinners prepared for curbside veterans' dinners

By Jonah Snowden
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THREE RIVERS – Local veterans interested in a price-friendly dinner can take a trip to Three Rivers on Sunday, Mar. 14, where the SONS of AMVETS Squadron 74 will be hosting a curbside pickup corned beef and cabbage dinner.

Squadron 74 member George L. Robichaud said this dinner, which has been an annual event for several years, is an extension of their mission to provide service and assistance to their local veterans.

"When time comes along and there's a veteran that has a need of some nature, we'd like to be financially supportive of it," said Robi-

chaud. "That's what the fundraising is for."

Last year, Robichaud said, the weather was poor and the annual dinner was days before the COVID-19 pandemic began.

"We sat about 200 people in our dining room," said Robichaud.

"This we're hoping with the weather being on our side, we should see the same number of people coming out because they've been closed in and so forth."

As someone who's very supportive of the veterans and works closely with local veterans' agents, Robichaud said preparing for this dinner brings together likeminded individuals who share the common goal of supporting their local veter-

ans.

"Everyone gets along very well together and we've been very successful," said Robichaud.

"Everyone has jobs that they like to do. There's multiple jobs that need to be supported and it's a seamless operation and works very well."

Although the event will begin at noon and is scheduled to end at 4 p.m. Robichaud said pickups will be available while supplies last.

"If we happen to get very busy in the beginning, we could have sold out our 200 meals," Robichaud said.

The location to pick up the corned beef and cabbage dinner is 2015 Main St., Three Rivers. The price for a meal is \$13 each.

Gobi puts support behind legislation aimed at assisting business owners

BOSTON — Senator Anne Gobi (D-Spencer) joined her colleagues last week in circulating letters supporting a pair of legislative initiatives aimed at assisting business owners who were negatively impacted back the COVID-19 pandemic.

The two bills that require immediate attention by the legislature are aimed at concerns over taxing federal PPP loans and the solvency of the Unemployment Insurance Fund.

"Our businesses have suffered during the pandemic and

it is vital that they receive necessary assistance," Gobi said.

"As a co-sponsor of the bills I will work to make sure they pass as soon as possible to provide needed relief, the same relief large corporations receive as do small businesses across

the country."

The first piece of legislation, "An Act providing financial relief to small businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic," would ensure that loans offered through the federal Paycheck Protection Program are

not subject to state taxation, further burdening the business owners they were targeted to help. These loans are forgiven by the federal government, and if the legislature does not

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DEADLINE

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Clarification

A story about Monson Select Board candidate Jessica Allen that appeared on page 1 of last week's edition mentioned her advocacy of cannabis both for medical use and as an economic opportunity for Monson. She wants to make it clear that her policy on the commercial aspect is that she sees cannabis as an opportunity for Monson farmers and that she does not support opening retail cannabis dispensaries in Monson.

Corrections

The Journal Register will gladly correct factual errors that appear in this paper. Corrections or clarifications will always appear on Page 2 or 3. To request a correction, send information to Editor at mharrison@turley.com, or call 283-8393, extension 236. Corrections may also be requested in writing at: Journal Register, Attn: Editor 24 Water St., Palmer, MA, 01069.

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Nancy Curtis Scholarship available

WARE – Applications are now available for the Nancy Curtis Scholarship in the Ware, Palmer, and Belchertown Public Schools Guidance Department. Deadline for completion of the application is April 5, and should be forwarded to Mrs. Sandra Piechota, 269 Palmer Rd., Ware, MA 01082.

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for adoption. They have programs to help special needs cats flourish and get adopted, including shy, fearful and senior cats. To date, HTAT has helped over 2,500 cats. For more information, visit heretodaysanctuary.org, on Facebook, and Instagram at @heretodayadopttomorrow.

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Gardner also said she and her team are working with the Palmer Health Inspector Christina Florence, Town Manager Ryan McNutt and the PTA throughout the pandemic to determine metrics.

According to statistics released by the state last week, Palmer is in the “yellow” risk category – the second highest – with 31 cases of COVID-19 and an average daily rate of 18.7 cases.

School officials also gave Palmer High the green light to participate in some spring sports.

“Football practices started last week,” Gardner said.

“We are looking forward to having some spring sports. I’m not quite sure how it’s going to pan out to be right now.”

She also said other plans for the Class of 2021 are in the works, including a surprise that a committee of parents, working with town and school officials, has been planning.

Gardner said she is happy to see the number of COVID-19 cases decline, which opened the opportunity to increase in-person learning.

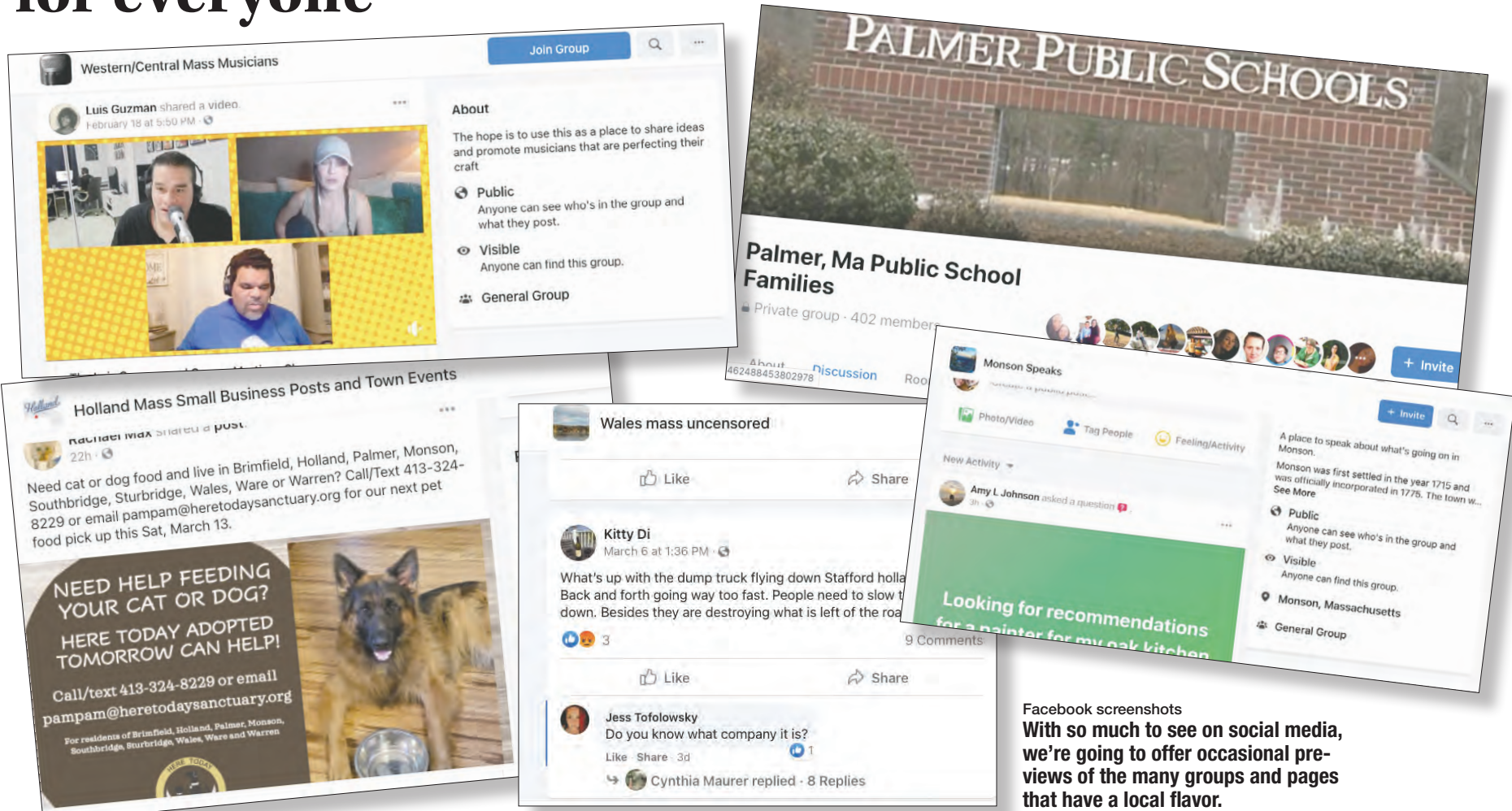
“I think it’s really important for students in school, not only for academic reasons, but for social reasons,” she said.

“Being able to see their peers as school-aged children is so important. We are looking forward to getting all our students back at some point. The decision to have your children in school is a real emotional decision for a lot of parents. Our children are the most precious things to us and making sure they’re safe is incredibly important.”

To stay up to date with announcements from the school district, visit palmerschools.org.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Locally-focused groups and pages have something for everyone



Facebook screenshots
With so much to see on social media, we're going to offer occasional pre-views of the many groups and pages that have a local flavor.

By Michael Harrison
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REGION — Before we know it, both social media and smartphones will have been around for 20 years. Depending on your age, you may remember life without them, but it’s undeniable the technology has been transformative.

For many of us, staying connected is part of our jobs, but it’s also a river of information and entertainment. With so much to look at, it’s easy to miss some spaces close to home you might appreciate. To help you find those nuggets, we’re going to offer occasional previews of pages and groups on different platforms.

This one will take a glance at a few on Facebook (these are in no particular order):

1. Holland Mass Small Business Posts and Town Events: This place ab-

solutely feels more like community than commerce. Many not-for-profits found a home there. It’s more like a neighborhood bar or coffee shop where people go to shoot the breeze, get recommendations, share events and, yes, talk business.

2. THE Palmer Page: If you live in, or are friends of people who live in Depot Village, Three Rivers, Thorndike, and Bondsville, this community is for you. Polite discussions of issues, helpful tips and recommendations, and really a diverse array of posts. Need guidance raising kittens? Want to know about interesting community events like the upcoming Riversweep? Just read and follow the rules and have a good time!

3. Monson Speaks: A public group with nearly 6,000 members, this community isn’t exactly hiding in the weeds. But if you’re new to the area or new to

Facebook, this is a great way to get to know your neighbors and learn about the town. Everything from where to eat to historic facts, who’s doing what, and the local topic of the day makes it feel like everyone in town is here.

4. Palmer mass residents and friends: This public group has nearly 2,000 members and recent posts range from warning about traffic back-ups on local roads, to questions about the history of places in town, such as Chase Memorial park, to free firewood.

5. Western/Central Mass Musicians: A closed group with 140 members, the admins seem eager to admit anyone who is sincere about music and lives in the region. It’s not just a clearinghouse to post music events, but also serious discussion about music, including sharing and critiques, and a place for bands and musicians to find each other.

6. Palmer, Ma Public School Families: Looking for clarity or updates about changes in policy? Want to discuss report cards, learn about education programs you didn’t know were available, or check to see if there were any announcements from the administration you may have missed? might be for you. This is a private group.

7. Palmer’s Fresh & Local Community: According to their profile, it “is a place for sharing information about gardening, farming, homesteading, Farm stands & local veggies & fruit for sale.”

Although the page has not been active lately, it has been winter during a pandemic and it’s reasonable to expect chatter to pick up there as spring nears. In the meantime, go over there, give them a “like,” and scroll through posts, photos, and videos from the past year.

Baystate Health awards 17 community-based nonprofits

PALMER — Baystate Health has awarded \$1.2 million in Better Together Grants to 17 community-based nonprofit organizations as part of its Community Benefits Program.

“Baystate Health is proud to invest our Determination of Need Community Health Initiative funding in the communities served by all four of our hospi-

als,” said Annamarie Golden, director of community relations for Baystate Health.

“We are honored to partner with these deserving local non-profit organizations over the next three years.

This year’s recipients — who submitted requests for proposals in the fall of 2020 — include: Community Action

Pioneer Valley, Just Roots, Musica Franklin, Stone Soup Café, Boys & Girls Club of Greater Holyoke, Inc., Girl’s Inc. of Pioneer Valley, Project Coach, ROCA, Community Adolescent Resource and Education (CARE) Center, Inc., Food Bank of Western Massachusetts, Mental Health Association & CORE of Greater

Westfield, Town of Blandford, Quaboag Hills Community Coalition, Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation, Greater Springfield Senior Services, Alzheimer’s Association, and The Literacy Project.

“Baystate’s Community Benefits Program, in partnership with our hospital Community Benefits Advisory Coun-

cils and Grant Review Teams, is making investments through Better Together grants that will have lasting and meaningful impacts on health outcomes, health equity, and social determinants of health throughout the Pioneer Valley,” Golden said.

For this RFP, each hospital’s Community Benefits

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Viewpoints

Proactive parents can use your help with a salute to the Class of '21

March is nearly halfway over and this week we were treated to a hint of spring. And despite the inevitable return of frigid days ahead, there will be other signs that winter is winding down, such as the beginning of Daylight Savings Time (don't forget to set your clocks ahead Sunday!) and St. Patrick's Day.

In other words, spring will be here before we know it. For the Class of 2021, that has to be bittersweet. It means the end of the most challenging year of their high school careers and all the promise the future holds.

There's also going to be a period of mourning of various degrees. When these graduates receive their diplomas, it puts a final stamp on a dismal stretch that began their junior year. The COVID-19 pandemic hovered over their heads through summer and into the fall semester, but it always seemed like there was hope things could return to something resembling normal, perhaps for their final semester. That still could happen to some extent and we certainly hope they get at least a taste of the senior year they had hoped for.

But when their school year does end and that chapter of their lives closes, it would be human nature for many seniors to look back wistfully and wonder about what could have been. That, however, won't be the last thing they remember about high school and the frustrating senior year they endured.

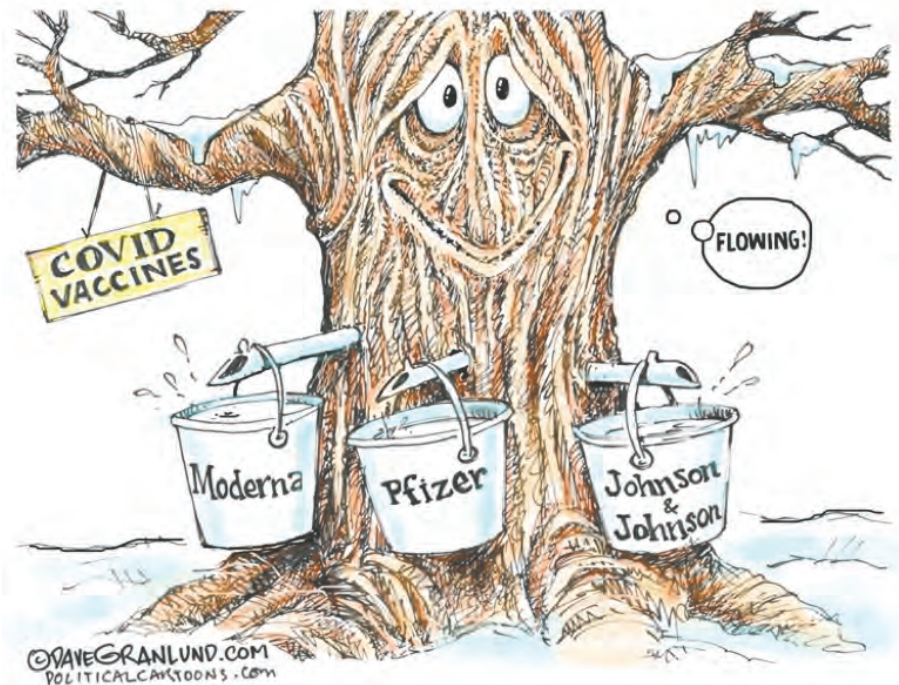
A committee of about a dozen Palmer High School parents is committed to creating a lasting memory for the Class of 2021. Working with the Town of Palmer and others in the community, they have been planning a surprise they're keeping under wraps until just the right time.

Parents and educators are especially aware of what the Class of 2021 is experiencing – and what they're missing – and they know putting a smile on the faces of those kids won't make up for it all, but it certainly will create much-needed positivity.

If the Class of 2021 can't have the send-off it wanted, it can certainly get the one it needs.

This core group of parents is committed and they could use your help. There's more than one way to contribute and anyone interested is invited to reach out and learn how they can become a part of this community-wide effort.

For more information on the surprise the parents and planning, how to donate, and more, send an email to phsclassof2021@gmail.com. You can also join the Palmer Parents and Guardians-Class of 2021 private Facebook group.



Cabbage conundrums

I always feel a bit guilty on St. Patrick's Day. What kind of Irish girl am I if I don't particularly like corned beef and cabbage? Most of my life I found the meat too salty and the cabbage... well, too cabbagey. The past couple of years, though, in an effort to help my gut microbiome replenish itself after too many Lyme antibiotics, I began taking an interest in fermented foods. Sauerkraut has become one of my favorites.

Last year I met a woman at a Grange talk who had a basement full of sauerkraut she made herself. Intrigued and always up for a homesteading challenge, I decided then and there that I was going to grow enough cabbage to fill my basement, too. The only problem was that I never had much success with this vegetable. Sure, I've enjoyed a homegrown head or two, but a cabbage farmer I am not. Thugs, slugs, bugs and cracks, in that particular order, have always thwarted my best efforts. Read on to learn about my experiences as I went from growing a half dozen cabbage plants to over 30.

I sowed my cabbage seeds indoors off heat the second week of April last year. When the first true leaf appeared, I planted the seedlings into individual cells of six packs and watered with a liquid fertilizer diluted to half strength. Bright light but cool temperatures grew stocky plants, and by May 15 they were ready to be hardened off. They were installed into the garden a week before Memorial Day. Most of the plants went into one of my rock-edged raised beds. I thought I was so smart. First I installed three-foot hardware cloth to keep out the bunnies (thugs), then I laid soaker hoses to and fro, knowing how these beds can bake in the heat and dry out daily. Cabbages aren't what you would call heat-loving. If that wasn't enough, I then covered the whole thing with a floating row cover, anticipating that the cabbage looper, the cabbage worm and the imported cabbage worm (all bugs) would visit and demolish my seedlings in no time. All my bases were covered, literally, and things were going great. The leaves began to pucker and curl: the seedlings were on their way to making

heads!

But alas, I began to notice holes in the leaves. The kind of holes where you can see a shiny trail. Slugs had found my cabbage patch. Sometimes there were even dark gray slugs still attached to the leaves. Big ones, little ones, yuck!

I began hand picking furiously, every morning at sunrise and again just before dark. Things finally began to look up and then the aphids (yet more bugs) hit. Did you ever see gray aphids in such an abundance that they look more like a waxy coating than individual bugs? Yessiree, that was my cabbage patch. I think, because this set-up of mine only required that I turn on the soaker hose and not lift the cover and inspect my plants, things got way out of control.

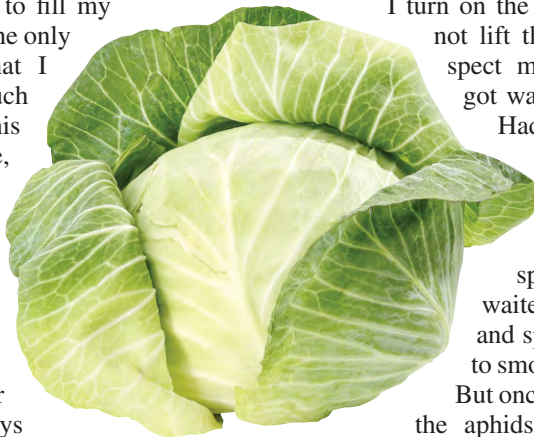
Had I seen the first few aphids I could have maybe blown them off with a spray of water, or waited until evening and sprayed with soap to smother the buggers. But once heads form and the aphids are within the overlapping leaves, you might as well call the party over and plant a cover crop instead. Live and learn.

Thankfully, this is not the end of the story. There were six cabbage transplants that I couldn't fit in the raised bed. I planted them at the end of my broccoli row in the main garden. Although plagued with a few slugs, and even a few bugs, I was able to harvest each head and made my first ever batch of sauerkraut, totally just about two gallons worth! As my bounty dwindles near winter's end, I am already strategizing this year's cabbage crop. I am going to try growing an early variety to try and beat the worst of the bugs.

Although still not a fan of corned beef, cabbage has surely found its place in my palate and in my garden.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to ekennedy@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.



IN THE GARDEN



Roberta McQuaid
Columnist

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In My Backyard

By Ellenor Downer



A Barre resident called to report he has a northern mockingbird and a Carolina wren visiting his yard.

The northern mockingbird is the only mockingbird commonly found in North America. They are primarily permanent residents, but birds in the north may move south short distances during harsh weather. It is about eight to 10 inches long. It is a gray bird, with a long tail and white underbelly. It has a dark eye line and two white wing bars and dark wing tips and tail.

The female lays three to four and sometimes up to six greenish to blue gray eggs with brown spots. They build the nest in dense shrub or tree, usually about three to 10 feet above the ground. The male builds most of the foundation and the female puts in the lining. The nest has a bulky foundation of twigs, supporting an open of weeds, grass, leaves lined with fine material such as rootlets, moss, animal hair or plant down. The female incubates the eggs, but both parents feed the young. The young leave the nest about 12 days after hatching. Mockingbirds have two to three broods per year.

Mockingbirds feed mainly on insects and berries. It feeds mainly on insects in late spring and summer and relies on berries and fruit in fall and winter.

The mockingbird was often captured for sale as a pet from the late 1700s to the early 1900s. As a result, it became scarce along much of the northern edge of its range. After the stopping of the cage bird trade, mockingbirds became common once again. The planting of multiflora rose, also known as living fence, was partly responsible for its spread in the northeast as mockingbirds liked the berries and used it for nesting sites.

Belchertown bluebirds

A Belchertown woman emailed about bluebirds. She said, "Just this winter, we have counted as many as nine bluebirds at once around our feeder and have them in our yard, gardens and woods at all times of the year." Several people are reporting seeing bluebirds. They are always a welcome sight and in the sunlight, the blue is so vivid.

Carolina wren

I also have a Carolina wren, which comes to my feeders regularly. Early this week, it was eating seeds off the ground. A bluejay landed on the ground near it. Often, the smaller birds leave when the bluejays come, but not this wren. It held its ground and the bluejay did not chase it away.

Bird watching

My cat, Rocky, likes to watch the birds and squirrels at the feeders. If I ask him if he wants to watch the birds, he reaches up for me to pick him up and bring him to the window. This is a morning ritual with us. Today, there was a red squirrel under the tray feeder. He especially likes to watch the juncos.

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by calling me at 413-967-3505, leaving a message at extension 100, emailing mybackyard88@aol.com or edowner@turley.com or mailing to Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005.

Election letters to the editor welcome

The *Journal Register* welcomes readers to participate in this year's election campaigns by writing letters to the editor for publication on these pages. Letters of up to 250 words from local residents endorsing candidates on the ballot or discussing campaign issues should be sent to The Journal Register, care of Turley Publications, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069, faxed to 413-283-1977 or emailed to mharrison@turley.com. Please include a daytime telephone number for verification purposes (it will not be printed). Letters must be received by noon Monday to be considered for that Thursday's newspaper. No attack letters will be printed. No letters written by candidates supporting their own candidacy will be printed. If the volume of letters received is larger than the space available in the newspaper, or if the letters become repetitive, the newspaper reserves the right to print a representative sample. No endorsement letters will be printed in the last edition before the election.

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Vaccines, food insecurity, mental health, substance use discussed

By Eileen Kennedy
Staff writer

WARE – The Quaboag Hills Community Coalition and the Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance recently held their annual meeting with state elected officials, including state senators, state representatives and district attorneys, on via Zoom.

The topic of COVID-19 vaccinations was brought up by social service providers, such as Ware's Council on Aging Director John Zienowicz, and by elected officials.

Zienowicz asked the legislators as a group how to get more vaccinations out to Western Mass as the state government diverts vaccination supplies meant for Western Mass to large

distribution sites in the eastern part of the state.

"We're trying to address our most vulnerable seniors and get those people to those appointments to get the vaccine," said Zienowicz, but the process is made more difficult when vaccine doses are shifted away from the area.

State Sen. Anne Gobi, D-Spencer, and State Rep. Todd Smola, R-Warren, pulled no punches in their assessments of the state's COVID-19 vaccination program.

"This rollout has been a complete disaster," said Gobi. "And it falls at the feet of the governor and Secretary (of Health and Human Services Marylou) Sudders." She said only 1/12 of the 6.9 million residents have re-

ceived both of their two vaccine shots so far. "We've got a long way to go," she said. "If he doesn't want to be partners (in the process) then he'll take all the blame." Gobi said legislators found about about how the vaccination program would unfold in the media, with no details from him or his administration ahead of time. "This is not the way it should be," she said.

Large mass vaccination sites are not helpful for rural communities with transportation issues, she said, pointing to Palmer and Oakham as small communities getting vaccinations done. "This isn't going to be done from Fenway," she said.

Smola agreed, saying, "I and my colleagues make no apologies with what has happened with this vaccine

rollout. As much as the people at the state level said, 'yea, we're ready to do this,' clearly they weren't."

He said he and other legislators are on the phone every day of the week at all hours of the day and night trying to get the Department of Health and the administration to realize mass vaccine sites are not the answer for many small rural communities with transportation issues.

Smola said legislators hope the rollout evolves so it is able to really help rural communities in Central and Western Mass. "We can't accept a really bad rollout and administration of the vaccines," he said. He and the other legislators will continue applying pressure so that "rural territories like ours do not get screwed in the

process."

He also pointed to leadership by Gobi on food insecurity issues and by State Rep. Susannah Whipples, R-Athol, on mental health issues, both of which were hugely important as area providers worked to help people during COVID-19.

Northwestern District Attorney Michael Sullivan thanked the Gobi, Smola and Whipples for working so hard 24/7 through the pandemic to make sure people had the basics, including food.

Smola also urged everyone to direct those having issues with unemployment in his district to call his office.

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Sheriff's Dept. addressing opioid epidemic during COVID pandemic

LUDLOW — Over the past year, COVID-19 has changed every facet of life and recent CDC data suggest it helped worsen the already overwhelming opioid epidemic.

While addiction-related issues have spiked during the pandemic, the Hampden County Sheriff's Medication Assisted Treatment program has helped more than 1,500 men and women battling substance use disorder, Sheriff Nick Cocchi said.

Through a partnership with CODAC Behavioral Healthcare, the largest non-profit, outpatient provider for opioid treatment in Rhode Island, the Hampden County MAT program pairs counseling and behavioral therapy along with access to all three FDA-approved addiction medications for treating substance use disorder: methadone, buprenorphine and naltrexone.

"The MAT program helps people coming into our custody maintain these critical prescriptions without a fear of having to unnecessarily go through withdrawal," Cocchi said.

"At the same time, it helps current inmates and substance use disorder clients maintain abstinence from illicit drugs and ensures they return to the community with the best chances of avoiding an overdose and transitioning into long-term recovery. Offering this program and these medications is the humane and right thing to do if we truly want to help people battling addiction-related issues."

More than 80% of incarcerated individuals report battling with some level of substance use disorder, Cocchi said, and compared to the rest of the adult population, the opioid-related overdose death rate upon release from custody is 120 times higher. And recent CDC data suggest that the rate of overdose deaths during the year leading up to May 2020 was up 38.4% over the previous year, continuing a trend that started before the pandemic but worsened during it.

A recently released JAMA Psychiatry study analyzing emergency department visits showed a significantly higher weekly rate of opioid

overdose-related visits from mid-March to October 2020 compared to the same period a year before. Since the MAT program's inception on Sept. 1, 2019, it has provided a critical bridge to treatment for 1,586 men and women who came into the custody of the sheriff's office either as inmates or Section 35 treatment clients.

"We are proud to be working with the Hampden County Sheriff's Department on this important initiative that helps move the needle forward in treating all those struggling with addiction as patients, just like those facing diabetes or cancer, and offer them the most comprehensive, evidence-based therapeutic approaches available, such as MAT," Linda Hurley, president/CEO of CODAC, said.

"The progress we are making in Hampden County underscores that the program we pioneered in Rhode Island is both scalable and feasible elsewhere, and we are always available to help patients in other states."

CODAC's imbedded opioid treatment program at HCSD is based on its nationally praised MAT program with Rhode Island Department of Corrections, the results of which have been published in JAMA Psychiatry.

People coming into the HCSD's custody with an active MAT prescription are allowed to continue their treatment regimen with a typical approval coming the same day as intake, according to medical staff with the program. Anyone in custody who reports a form of substance use disorder where the three FDA-approved medications are deemed helpful is assessed for eligibility and started on MAT when appropriate.

In addition to medication, individual and group therapy is provided by CODAC and HCSD staff. For many clients, it is the first time they've experienced therapy for substance use disorder and serves as a gateway to recovery that carries over to life after release. Also, sentenced inmates not presently on medication, but with a previous history of substance use disorder, may be eligible to start

MAT prior to release. This can help them transition into long-term recovery and at a minimum, decrease the chances of a fatal overdose upon release.

When someone is released from custody, the Hampden County Sheriff's Office connects them with a health care provider in their community as part of its nationally recognized public health model. As an extension of that, anyone on MAT is directly connected with an authorized and licensed MAT clinic wherever they live.

During the pandemic, as the availability of community-based treatment options fluctuated, MAT was a critical lifeline for people leaving the department's custody. Following a lawsuit filed to compel mass releases from jails across Massachusetts in light of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the state Supreme Judicial Court on April 3, 2020, ordered the Massachusetts Trial Courts to review certain individuals for presumptive release from custody.

Spontaneous releases spurred by this decision made release-planning difficult, according to MAT staff. But they adapted by treating any court appearance like a potential release date, coordinating community services to ensure if someone was released by a judge, they could continue on medication by the following day to avoid a lapse in treatment.

The program was recently audited by the National Commission for Correctional Healthcare and has been fully accredited with exemplary remarks.

About CODAC Behavioral Healthcare

CODAC Behavioral Healthcare, a non-profit organization founded in 1971, is Rhode Island's oldest and largest provider of outpatient services for opioid use disorder, other substance use disorders, and concurrent behavioral health challenges. CODAC is now licensed in Massachusetts to operate an opioid treatment program. For more information about CODAC, visit codacinc.org.



Courtesy photos

Hampden County MAT program pairs counseling and behavioral therapy along with access to medication prescribed to help recovery from substance abuse.



Sheriff's Department employees work with incarcerated people who have substance abuse issues and are in recovery.



Hampden County Sheriff Nick Cocchi said the Medication Assisted Treatment program helps incarcerated people "maintain abstinence from illicit drugs and ensures they return to the community with the best chances of avoiding an overdose and transitioning into long-term recovery."

STCC introduces 'house flipping' course

SPRINGFIELD — Springfield Technical Community College will offer a course designed for anyone who would like to start and own a successful "house flipping" business in Massachusetts.

House Flipping 101 is a six-week online course taught through STCC's online learning management system, Blackboard. The course, which runs April 5-May 14, will include guidelines necessary for legal and building standards in conducting work in the residential building sector. "House flipping" is a type of investment strategy in which someone purchases property not with the intention to use, but with the intention of selling it for a profit.

The course includes discussion boards, weekly content and virtual live sessions each week. Students must commit a minimum of eight hours per week to be successful. The course is asynchronous, which means lessons

are not "live" or with real-time interaction. Students may complete each weekly section as their schedule allows.

The instructor, Jennifer DeForge, is a professor in the STCC Architecture and Building Technology Program. A local sustainable designer and builder in Western Massachusetts, DeForge holds a current Massachusetts Construction Supervisor License and has worked on building projects ranging from small remodels to designing and constructing energy efficient custom-built homes.

DeForge will help students understand the real estate market, where to buy a property, the foreclosure process,

buying properties at tax sales and evaluating properties and estimating renovation costs.

Students also will review house flipping mistakes, tax implications, the use of tax deductions and rolling over a buyer's profits into the next flip.

The course is offered through STCC's Workforce Development

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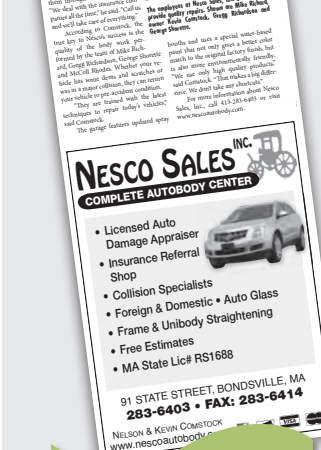
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CAMPUS NOTES

Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Worcester Polytechnic Institute announced that **Erik Wegge** of Monson, a member of the class of '22 majoring in Mechanical Engineering, was named to the university's Dean's List for academic excellence for the fall 2020 semester.

Rochester Institute of Technology

The following local residents made the Dean's List at Rochester Institute of Technology for the 2020 Fall Semester. Undergraduate students are eligible for Dean's List if their GPA is greater than or equal to 3.40 for nine credit hours of traditionally graded coursework; they do not have any grades of "Incomplete," NE, D, or F; and they have registered for, and completed, at least 12 credit hours:

Jared Lizotte of Palmer, who is in the electrical engineering program.

Griffin Hurt of Brimfield, who is in the applied mathematics program.

Sierra Charron-Smith of Palmer, who is in the biotechnology and molecular bioscience program.

Purchase College

Chiara Esposito of Monson has been named to Purchase College's Dean's List for the fall 2020 semester. Esposito is studying Arts Management. To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must carry a semester GPA of 3.5 for Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science programs and 3.75 for Bachelor of Fine Arts and Bachelor of Music Performance programs. They must take a minimum of 12 credits.

Western New England University

The following local students made the fall 2020 President's List at Western New England University. To qualify for the President's List, students must achieve a GPA of 3.80 or higher:

Joshua Bolte, of Brimfield, working toward a BSE in Electrical Engineering.

Carly Phaneuf, of Brimfield, working toward a BA in English.

Kevin Riel, of Brimfield, working toward a BS in Health Sciences.

Amanda Gardell, of Monson, working toward a BSW in Social Work.

Maggie Klassanos, of Monson, working toward a BS in Criminal Justice.

Taylor Mitchell, of Monson, working toward a BA in Political Science.

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Hannah Somers, of Monson, working toward a BA in Law & Society.

Mackenzie Degnan, of Palmer, working toward a BA in Psychology.

Julianne Hess, of Palmer, working toward a BS in Actuarial Science.

Jason Malouin, of Palmer, working toward a BSE in Electrical Engineering.

Sophia Wegrzynek, of Palmer, working toward a BS in Mathematical Sciences.

Rhea Dinelle, of Thorndike, working toward a Pre-Pharmacy.

Tatyana Gonzalez, of Three Rivers, working toward a BS in Forensic Chemistry.

Alison Fortier, of Wales, working toward a BSE in Biomedical Engineering.

Matthew Dumas, of Holland, working toward a BSE in Mechanical Engineering/Mechatronics Concentration.

Joseph Gonzalez, of Holland, working toward a BSE in Electrical Engineering.

"Making the President's List is a notable achievement under any circumstances, but particularly so during the unique challenges of our fall semester. It is an honor to salute our students who have demonstrated an unwavering commitment to academic excellence," said Dr. Robert E. Johnson, President.

The following local students made the fall 2020 Dean's List at WNEU. To qualify for the Dean's List, students must achieve a GPA of 3.30 or higher:

Adam Jensen, of Brimfield, working toward a BS in Information Technology.

John Reilly, of Brimfield, working toward a BS in Information Technology.

Nathan Bruneau, of Monson, working toward a BSE in Mechanical Engineering.

Jacob Griggs, of Monson, working toward a Pre-Pharmacy.

MacKenzie Laisure, of Monson, working toward a Doctor of Pharmacy.

Tyler Lefebvre, of Monson, working toward a BSBA in Finance.

Daniel Moriarty, of Monson, working toward a BS in Information Technology.

Bryanna Murphy, of Monson, working toward a BS in Actuarial Science.

Antonio Orciari, of Monson, working toward a BS in Computer Science.

Matthew Provost, of Monson, working toward a degree in Arts & Sciences.

Hannah Richard, of Monson, working toward a BSE in Biomedical Engineering.

Michael Rossman, of Monson, working toward a BSBA in Accounting.

Kassidy Walker, of Monson, working toward a BA in Psychology.

Joel Wyzik, of Monson, working toward a BSE in Biomedical Engineering.

Tyler Yesu, of Monson, working toward a BSE in Civil Engineering.

Aubrey Decaro, of Palmer, working toward a BSE in Biomedical Engineering.

Kathryn Henry, of Palmer, working toward a BS in Forensic Chemistry.

Brandon Lafrennie, of Palmer, (01069) working toward a BSBA in Accounting.

Noah Lee, of Palmer, working toward a BS in Health Sciences/Pre-Phys Asst Concentration.

Emma McCorkindale, of Palmer, (01069) working toward a BA in Communication/Media & Journalism.

Adela Storey, of Palmer, working toward a Pre-Pharmacy.

Emmanuel College

In honor of their outstanding academic achievement, Emmanuel College in Boston has named the following students to the Dean's List for the Fall 2020 semester. To earn a spot on the Dean's List, Emmanuel students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for a 16-credit semester:

Timothy Hedspeth of Monson

Kyle Monaghan of Monson

University of Rhode Island

The University of Rhode Island is pleased to announce the Fall 2020 Dean's List and the following local students:

Chris Ballou of Brimfield

Kaleigh Cavanaugh of Monson

Olivia Murray of Palmer

Shelby Paquin of Monson

Vanessa Ricci of Brimfield

To be included on the Dean's List, full-time students at the University of Rhode Island must have completed 12 or more credits for letter grades during a semester and achieved at least a 3.30 quality point average. Part-time students qualify with the accumulation of 12 or more credits for letter grades earning at least a 3.30 quality point average.

University of the Cumberlands

University of the Cumberlands wishes to congratulate **Scott Berg** of Holland on earning their Doctor of Philosophy in Leadership in fall 2020.

University of the Cumberlands is located in Williamsburg, Ky.

STCC offers free dental care through March

SPRINGFIELD – Springfield Technical Community College's Dental Hygiene Clinic will offer free preventative treatment for children and adults through March.

The clinic on the campus of STCC usually charges a nominal fee for services, but the college decided to waive fees for two months to help the community, many of whom are facing financial hardship during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The clinic, which is open Monday through Friday, is now accepting appointments starting at 8 a.m. The clinic closes at 4 p.m.

"The service at the clinic includes scaling and prophylaxis (teeth cleaning), any needed X-rays, fluoride treatments, as well as dental sealants for children which can run from \$30 to \$60 per tooth in the outside sector," said Meg Loadholt, the Dental Hygiene program coordinator.

The clinic in Building 20, Room 238, offers comprehensive oral health care provided by STCC dental hygiene students under the direction of licensed dental hygienists and dentists.

"The STCC Department of Dental Hygiene continues to prove its long standing value as the region's premier training center for dental team members in dental offices near and far," said Martin Wohl, DDS, chair of the Valley District Dental Society. "Providing their terrific expertise, especially in the face of all our pandemic trials, highlights the responsibility the program and its students feel toward their stressed communities. I hope community members take full advantage of such a valuable resource for as long as it can be available. In addition, the training of every student will be greatly enhanced."

The clinic adheres to strict safety guidelines during the COVID-19 pandemic. The college has temporarily suspended any aerosol generating procedures (namely, ultrasonic scalers and polishing teeth) from treatment options. In certain cases, under direction of a faculty member, such treatment might be allowed using devices that eliminate 93% of aerosols.

The college has limited the number of people who can gather in the clinic and labs to allow for social distancing.

Both students and faculty wear masks and face shields. All dental hygiene students, faculty and staff are scheduling appointments to be vaccinated.

Anyone who enters Building 20, where the clinic is located, must complete an attestation form and answer questions about any recent travel outside of Massachusetts and if they have experienced any symptoms related to COVID-19 or have been exposed to anyone experiencing symptoms. Staff also will check temperatures of people entering the building.

To schedule an appointment, call (413) 755-4900. For more information, visit stcc.edu/dental.

Contractors association offers re-licensing

SPRINGFIELD — The Home Builders & Remodelers Association of Western Massachusetts will be hosting a series of continuing education courses for contractors to renew their Mass. Construction Supervisor License.

All license holders are required to complete an appropriate number of mandatory continuing education credits each two-year cycle. The association will be hosting a series of two full-day sessions each month through June which are approved by the Massachusetts Board of Building Regulations and Standards. Restricted and Unrestricted license holders will be able to fulfill all their necessary credits by taking two days of classes.

Specialty license holders will only need to take one day of classes. The classes are held once a month at the Home Builders & Remodelers Association Headquarters, 240 Cadwell Drive, Springfield, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on a Thursday and Friday.

The fee structure for members of the association: 12 hours of credit (two days) \$249; six hours of credit (one day) \$189 and two hours (one class) \$75. Non-member prices are: \$319 for two days, \$249, for one day and \$105 for one two-hour class. Materials include a light breakfast, student handouts and lunch.

Enrollment is limited. For more information or to register, call Laurie Bonano at 413-733-3126.



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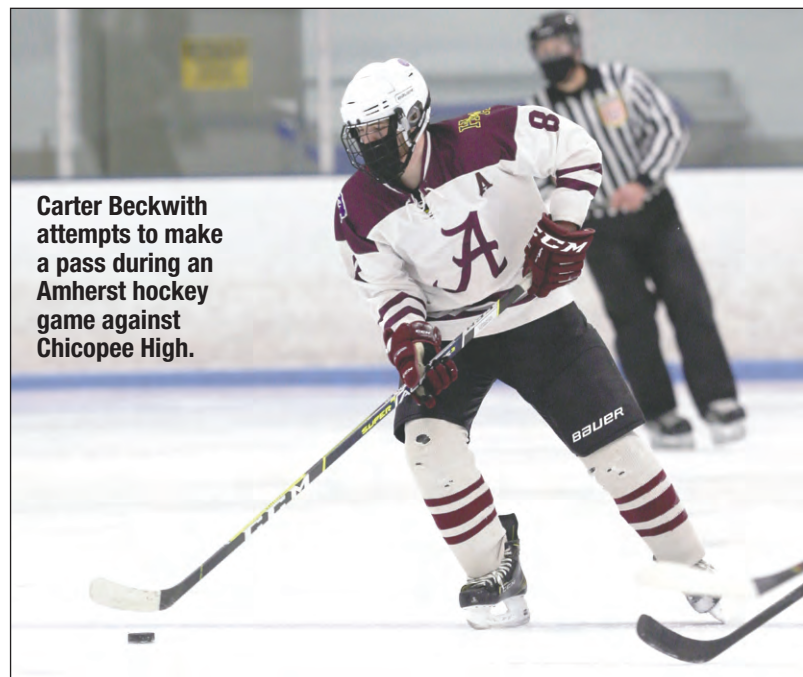
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Cooper Beckwith takes a wrist shot.

AMHERST – For the past several years, the Amherst Regional High School ice hockey team has been a perennial contender in Division 3A. With no tournament this year, the Hurricanes were happy to get on the ice to play some hockey. Unfortunately, it was a tough campaign as Amherst went a disappointing 1-9-1 for the season. Amherst's only win was a late season tilt with Chicopee High School. Amherst continues to co-op with Palmer High School for ice hockey.

Georgios Alimonos makes his way up the right side of the ice.



Carter Beckwith attempts to make a pass during an Amherst hockey game against Chicopee High.



Walker Goeckel takes possession of the puck.

AUTO RACING

McDermott balancing variety of roles in 2021



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Cam McDermott serves a lot of roles on his racing team.

SEEKONK – Whether it's been as a crew chief, spotter, driver, mechanic or in another role, Cam McDermott has built quite the resume in short-track racing. He started his career driving in quarter mid-gets, quickly moved to the Thompson Speedway Modified division, where he won the championship -- and from there, his career has blossomed in a variety of different directions.

For 2021, McDermott is going to be quite the busy guy once again -- but his preparations for the season includes getting the No. 8 Maybury

Material Handling machine ready for competition in the six Tri Track Open Modified Series events. McDermott will be behind the wheel of the family-owned machine to join a talent-filled group of competitors on the Tri Track circuit.

"We're mainly going to focus on the Tri Track stuff this year, transitioning into that after focusing on the Stafford Motor Speedway Open Modified races the last few years," McDermott said. "The competition with Tri Track is always great.

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MIAA

Football season ready to get underway

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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REGION – For the first time ever, it will be football season in March and April, and teams will be playing into the warm instead of playing into the cold.

Rivalries will be renewed and the many games local fans love to see will take place over the next two months over the course of a six-week modified schedule.

While football was not played on Thanksgiving, some of the weather teams will play in during the first few weeks will feel like Thanksgiving. And some of the classic thanksgiving matchups will take place, including Agawam versus West Springfield, Chicopee versus Chicopee Comprehensive, and East Longmeadow versus Longmeadow.

Another big matchup scheduled between smaller schools is a classic rivalry between Palmer and Ware. That game is usually the culmination of the Tri-County League schedule for both teams in the fall, but will be a great way for the two teams to renew acquaintances since no football was played last fall.

Minnechaug will have a full slate of games. Minnechaug has been a strong team in Division 3 the past few years, playing twice

in the finals in recent years against powerful Central High School. They will also meet several other rivals, like Longmeadow and East Longmeadow.

Another team that is normally part of the powerful AA Conference is Holyoke High School. Holyoke will renew acquaintances with both Minnechaug and Agawam during the abbreviated football season.

The football season is especially significant for Holyoke because the Knights as a school, will be participating in an athletic conference for the first time since Oct. 21, when the fall season was cut short in the city because Holyoke entered its third straight week of being in the red, high-risk for COVID-19 spread category. At that point, Holyoke officials stopped playing off all sports, cancelling the remainder of the fall season. Holyoke remained in the red category due to the second surge for four months, and officials cancelled the winter season while other schools in the red chose to participate in the basketball, hockey, and swimming season.

Holyoke finally went into the yellow two weeks ago, and green-lighted the Fall 2 season,

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GIRLS BASKETBALL



Cordelia Hageman starts her way down the court.

Pioneers conclude winter season

PALMER – The Pathfinder Regional High School girls basketball team got off to a late start due to COVID-19 issues, but were able to fit an abbreviated schedule into February, playing in seven games. The Pioneers, unfortunately, went winless in the games, struggling to generate offense in most cases. Pathfinder now has the ability to participate in football in the Fall 2 season.



Stephanie Koslik looks for a different angle to approach the basket.



Photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com

The Pathfinder girls basketball team discusses strategy during a timeout.

ICE HOCKEY

WMA announces hockey program revival

WILBRAHAM – After a 19-year hiatus, ice hockey is returning to Wilbraham & Monson Academy.

Beginning the winter of the 2021-2022 academic year, hockey at the club level will be added to the robust afternoon program at the Academy.

The program will begin with boys and girls playing at the club level, with the plan to build to high-level boys and girls varsity teams in the near future. The team will participate six days a week, like other WMA sports, and will include five days on the ice each week. Other days will consist of dryland training, utilizing WMA's significant fitness facilities.

Spearheaded by Head of School Brian P. Easler, as well as alumni Barry Maloney '85 and four-time Stanley Cup champion Bill Guerin '89, and three-time

Olympic medalist Kacey Bellamy, an exploratory committee including current parents, was assembled to consider the idea of reviving the popular program.

"Hockey has been a part of the WMA history, and we look forward to it being part of the school's future, for both girls and boys," Easler said. "We have students who attend WMA and play for outside teams, and we are excited for them to have the opportunity to play for their school and help us build a competitive program we can all be proud of and which can serve the greater Springfield hockey community."

Though a coach has yet to be named, enthusiasm within the network of current and former hockey players in the Academy's student body and alumni commu-

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DEATH NOTICES

Therese Mullen, 91

Died: March 1, 2021
Funeral Mass March 11
11 a.m. at St. Thomas the
Apostle Church

Steven M. Stachowicz

Died: Feb. 11, 2021
Services are Private

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O B I T U A R I E S

Therese Mullen, 91

Therese Mullen, 91, of Wilbraham (formerly of Palmer), passed away on Monday, March 1, 2021.

Terry was residing at Orchard Valley of Wilbraham. She was born to the late Albert and Sheila (Grummel) Phaneuf on June 30, 1929, in Detroit, Mich. She grew up in Ludlow, attended local schools and graduated in 1948 as Valedictorian of her Cathedral High School class. She went on to earn her RN in 1951 from the Springfield School of Nursing (now Baystate Hospital).

A voracious learner, Terry continued her education and graduated from Springfield College with a BS in 1967. In 1970, she earned an MS in Nursing Education from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, returning a few years later to earn a Nurse Practitioner Certification. Terry worked as a nurse, a supervisor and Director of Nursing at Monson Developmental Center for a total of almost 40 years.

She made lasting friends from nursing school, college and from the community of Palmer as well as from many who both lived and worked at Monson Developmental Center. Terry was a loving and well loved, wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, aunt, cousin and friend, but her favorite "hat" was her nurse's cap and pin and her favorite title was "Nurse!" She simply loved being a nurse and helping people. There was a time if a friend or family member was hospitalized, Terry would put on that hat and pin a go to the hospital to "special" them.

Terry remained close friends to the end with several women who

graduated from nursing school with her. She was an active member of the Massachusetts Nurses Association, serving for one term as President. She valued education dearly and never stopped learning.

Terry was a creative soul who, over the years, sewed many of her own and her children's clothes. She quilted, she hooked beautiful rugs, embroidered and wove baskets. She was a member of the Rosary Sodality, she taught Catechism, and she served as a lector at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Palmer for many years.

Throughout the years, when her family was young, she worked full time at Monson Developmental Center, but would always find the time to cook a special Sunday dinner every week for the entire family, including both grandparents! After her retirement, she participated as a member of the Palmer Rotary Club and for 18 years she volunteered with Top Floor Learning.

Terry knew the value of family and friends, of education, the importance of personal generosity, of volunteering, as well as for working hard for what you want. Throughout her life, she exemplified these virtues. One of her many remarkable and selfless contributions was to the Nurses' Health Study and Brain Donation Initiative to which she continued to contribute information until her passing.

Terry married Kenneth H. Mullen in 1952 and Palmer has been her home for over 60 years.



She is survived by her three children: Susan Boucher (Frank) of Monson; Jane Sutphin (Jim) of Enfield, Conn.; and Janet Mullen (Steven) of East Brunswick, N.J. She is also survived by six, much loved grandchildren: Jared and Ryan Bouch-

er; Cameron and Conor Sutphin; Alexandra and Jamison Brill; three sweet great-grandchildren; her sister Yvonne (Judy) Pedersen; her sister-in-law Phyllis Phaneuf; as well as cousins, nieces and nephews. Terry was predeceased by her husband Kenneth, her brothers, Raymond and Leodore Phaneuf, her sisters-in-law, Janet Miller, Wynell (Joy) Phaneuf and Marie Mullen, her brothers-in-law, Robert Mullen and Wilbur (Bing) Miller as well as her nephew, Russell Miller and niece, Terie Miller Jacobus.

Calling hours will be 9 a.m. Thursday, March 11, at Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home, 1475 N Main Street, followed by procession to St. Thomas the Apostle Church for Therese's funeral mass at 11 a.m. Burial will be in the spring at St. Thomas Cemetery, Palmer.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that people consider making donations to Top Floor Learning, 1455 North Main St. Palmer, MA 01068, The Alzheimer's Association, 225 N Michigan Ave. Fl 17, IL 60601 (act.alz.org), The ALS Association, 4 Oxford Road, Unit E4, Milford, CT 06460 or to the charity of your choice. To leave a memory, please visit beersand-story.com.

Police/Fire

Police Logs

PALMER PD

The Palmer Police Department responded to three arrests or summons for arrests from March 2-9. Those arrested will appear at the Palmer District Court and are innocent until proven guilty:

Wednesday, March 3

Daniel J. Haggerty, 27, of 233 Palmer Rd., Monson, was arrested at 10:29 p.m., on charges of operating under the influence of liquor; negligent operation of a motor vehicle and having no inspection sticker.

MONSON PD

The Monson Police Department responded to eight arrests or

summons for arrests from Feb. 28 through March 6. Those arrested will appear at the Palmer District Court and are innocent until proven guilty:

Monday, March 1

Ethan Diego Fitzgerald, 25, of 146 Sewall St., Ludlow, was arrested at 4:16 p.m., on charges of a WMS warrant; firearm within 500 feet of dwelling; possession of a ammunition without FID Card; disorderly conduct and discharge firearm w/1 100' of highway.

Tuesday, March 2

Shannon Corey Concepcion, 45, of 4485 High St., Thorndike, was arrested at 8:45 p.m., on charges of operation under the influence of

liquor; negligent operation of a motor vehicle; rate or speed exceeding posted limit.

Wednesday, March 3

Eric D. Johnson, 51, of 37 Bridge St., Monson, was arrested at 7:11 p.m., on charges of operation under the influence of liquor; failing to drive in the right lane and motor vehicle not meeting RMV safety standards.

Michael Jr. Hogan, 28, of 38 Bourne St., Three Rivers, was arrested at 11:06 p.m., on charges of operating a motor vehicle with a revoked registration; operating an uninsured motor vehicle; possession of a Class B drug (Cocaine) and inhaling a toxic substance.

Fire Logs

PALMER FIRE DEPT.

The Palmer Fire Department responded to eight calls from March 3-8:

On Wednesday, March 3, at 11:22 a.m., the department responded to structure fire on South Main Street. The department returned to service at 12:39 p.m.

On Wednesday, March 3, at 11:26 a.m., the department responded to a call requesting an odor investigation on North Main Street. The department returned to service at 12:44 p.m.

On Friday, March 5, at 3:04 p.m., the department responded to a telephoned false alarm on Park Street. The department returned to service at 3:33 p.m.

On Monday, March 8, at 12:30 a.m., the department responded to a smoke detector activation on Depot Street. The department returned to service at 12:52 a.m.

On Monday, March 8, at 9:55 a.m., the department responded to an unauthorized burning on Bennett Street. The department returned to service at 10:22 a.m.

On Monday, March 8, at 12:29 p.m., the department responded to a call requesting medical assistance on Spring Street. The department returned to service at 12:46 p.m.

On Monday, March 8, at 3:40 p.m., the department responded to a call requesting medical assistance on Hill Street. The department returned to service at 4:03 p.m.

On Monday, March 8, at 4:11 p.m., the department responded to a call requesting medical assistance on Pine Street. The department returned to service at 4:47 p.m.

THREE RIVER FIRE DEPT.

The Three Rivers Fire Department responded to two calls from March 2-6:

On Tuesday, March 2, at 11:47 a.m., the department responded to an EMS incident on Overlook Drive. The department returned to service at 12:01 p.m.

On Wednesday, March 3, at 11:27 a.m., the department provided mutual aid to the Palmer Fire Department. The department returned to service at 11:58 a.m.

On Saturday, March 6, at 9:34 a.m., the department responded to a call requesting a smoke investigation on Baptist Hill Road. The department returned to service at 9:49 a.m.

BONDSVILLE FIRE DEPT.

The Bondsville Fire Department responded to five calls from March 2-8:

On Tuesday, March 2, at 2:15 a.m., the department responded to a call for detected smoke in the house from an electrical issue on Jim Ash Street. The department returned to service at 3:07 a.m.

On Tuesday, March 2, at 6:30 p.m., the department responded to a carbon monoxide incident on Stewart Street. The department returned to service at 7:45 p.m.

On Thursday, March 4, at 12:11 a.m., the department responded to a call requesting medical assistance on Jim Ash Street. The department

returned to service at 12:40 a.m.

On Monday, March 8, at 9:37 a.m., the duty office responded to the area of Emery Street for smoke. The source was determined to come from Camp Ramah and the Palmer Fire Department was contacted as well. The duty office returned to service at 10:05 a.m.

On Monday, March 8, at 10:31 a.m., the department responded to an alarm activation from water flow on Third Street. The water was determined an accidental trip and the department returned to service at 10:38 a.m.

The department responded to 16 EMS calls and five fire calls from March 1 through March 7.

On Monday, March 1, at 2:20 p.m., the department responded to a carbon monoxide alarms activation on Brimfield Road. The department returned to service at 3:15 p.m.

On Tuesday, March 2, at 6:54 a.m., the department responded to a carbon monoxide activation on Wood Hill Road. The department returned to service at 7:53 a.m.

On Wednesday, March 3, at 5:34 p.m., the department responded for a call of smoke in the residence on Thompson Street. The department returned to service at 6:12 p.m.

On Thursday, March 4, at 8:19 a.m., the department responded to a call, requesting a burning investigation on Park Road. The department returned to service at 9:16 a.m.

On Saturday, March 6, at 11:50 a.m., the department responded to a report of a brush fire on Ely Road. The department returned to service at 12:03 p.m.

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Advisory Council chose a specific social determinant of health priority to focus the funding on. Both Baystate Franklin and Baystate Wing Hospital chose to target the "social environment," which will fund projects around reducing social isolation, social support for youth, and building connectedness to the community for low-income adults, and social justice. Baystate Medical Center-funded projects in the region are aimed at "education" with a mix of strategies looking at after-school and summer programming for youth, access to education for young mothers, and creating opportunities for educational advancements to at-risk adolescents.

"This funding makes it possible for us to pay a champion to bring our work supporting youth through Seeds of Hope to the next level. We have developed a vibrant, local, all-volunteer grassroots initiative for youth seeking employment that could not continue without this support," JAC Patrissi of the Quaboag Hills Community Coalition said.

Liz McCarthy of the Alzheimer's Association MA/NH Chapter said the grant will allow the organization to expand services.

"The Alzheimer's Association, MA/NH Chapter, is excited to work with Baystate Health to expand our Dementia Care Coordination program to the Baystate Wing community, with a focus on Spanish-speaking constituents," she said.

"The funding from Baystate Health FY21 Better Together will allow us to provide much-needed care and support to more people living with dementia and their family caregivers in Western Massachusetts." Funding for the Better Together grants is made possible through the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's Determination of Need requirements related to the replacement of Baystate Medical Center's Electrophysiology Catheterization Labs approved in 2018. Although this project was unique to Baystate Medical Center, Baystate Health's goal is to equitably distribute the CHI funds for

grant making to each of the four Baystate Health hospitals.

The aim of the Better Together grant opportunity is to develop approaches that, by targeting the social determinants of health, will improve the overall well-being of residents and make local communities healthier places to live in while complementing the health care system's current offerings. In addition to funding the grantees, Baystate Health has also contracted with the Public Health Institute of Western Mass to provide technical assistance and evaluation support to the grantee cohort over the next three years.

For more information about Baystate Health's Community Benefits Program, visit baystatehealth.org.

Better Together Grant recipients include:

Baystate Noble Hospital \$194,000 total budget (over three years) Social Determinant of Focus: Built Environment

Food Bank of Western Massachusetts, Food Insecurity Screening and Referral Initiative: \$84,500 - three years

Mental Health Association & CORE of Greater Westfield, Substance Use Recovery Coach: \$84,500 - three years

Baystate Wing Hospital \$239,664 total budget (Over Three Years) Social Determinant of Focus: Social Environment

Quaboag Hills Community Coalition, Seeds of Hope: \$50,000 - two years

Quaboag Valley Community Develop-

ment Corporation, Financial Fitness Club: \$45,000 - three years

Greater Springfield Senior Services, Medically Tailored Meals and Nutrition Education: \$51,000 - three years

Alzheimer's Association, ALZ and Baystate Better Together: \$50,000 - three years

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In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40A, Section 6 M.G.L. the Palmer Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on **Monday, March 29, 2021 at 5:00PM** virtually via Zoom. **Meeting ID: 958 5812 4910**
Passcode: 465805

The applicant, Chantal Mallalieu, is requesting a Finding §171.83J of the Palmer Zoning Ordinance. The finding request is for the construction of an 8' x 12' pressure treated landing over existing concrete steps on the property is located at 57 Jim Ash St, Palmer, MA 01069.

This parcel is also known as Assessor's Map 35, Lot 19.

A copy of the application may be inspected at the Planning Department office in the Administrative Building from 8am to 4:30pm Monday through Thursday.

Anyone interested in more information or wishing to be heard on the application can contact the Planning Department at 413-283-2605 or appear at the time and place designated above.

This notice shall also be posted on the Massachusetts Newspaper Publishers Association's (MNPA) website (<http://masspublicnotices.org>).

Dennis Fountain
Chairman, Palmer Zoning
Board of Appeals
03/11, 03/18/2021

Town of Monson Zoning Board of Appeals LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance M.G.L. Chapter 40A § 11 the Monson Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing, **Thursday March 25, 2021 at 7:25 P.M.**, remotely, on the application of Dana Casher for a variance from the requirements of Section 3.2, Table 2, Dimensional & Density Regulations, of the Monson Zoning Bylaws. The applicant seeks to install a 12' x 24' canopied lean-to structure that will violate dimensional/density requirements. The property is located at 75 Thayer Rd, Map 6, Parcel 11D and is zoned Rural Residential, owned by Dana Casher

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03/11, 03/18/2021

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT HAMPDEN, Div.

Probate & Family Court Dept.
HD21E0002PP
To Heidi Werbicki Flagg of Wales, in the County of Hampden, and to all other persons interested.

A petition has been presented to said Court by Debra Elaine Wellner Phillips of Shorterville, Alabama and Donna Jean Wellner Richards of Greensboro, North Carolina, representing that they hold as tenants in common an undivided part or share of land lying in Wales, in the County of Hampden, setting forth that they desire that all of said land may be sold at private sale or public auction for not less than Two Hundred Eighty Thousand (\$280,000.00) Dollars, and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said land which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided either at private sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute the net proceeds thereof after full adjudication of the equitable claims contained in said petition and supplemental memorandum filed with the Court.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the **twenty-fifth day of March 2021**, the return day of this citation.

Witness, BARBARA M. HYLAND, Esquire, First Justice of said Court, this twenty-second day of January, 2021.

Rosemary Saccomani
Register of Probate & Family Court

It is ordered that notice of said proceeding be given by delivering or mailing by registered or certified mail a copy of the foregoing cita-

tion to all persons interested whose addresses are known fourteen days at least before said return day, and if any person is not so served, by mailing a copy thereof to the last known address of such person fourteen days at least before said return day; and by publishing a copy thereof once in each week for three successive weeks in **The Journal Register**, a newspaper published in Wales, the last publication to be one day at least before said return day.

Witness, BARBARA M. HYLAND, Esquire, First Justice of said Court, this twenty-second day of January, 2021.

Rosemary Saccomani
Register of Probate & Family Court
03/04, 03/11, 03/18/2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Division 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-8600

Docket No. HD21P0286EA
Estate of:
ANNA CHRISTIE BOTELHO
Also Known As:
ANNA C. BOTELHO
Date of Death:
JANUARY 2, 2021
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **CHRISTIE A BOTELHO** of TINTON FALLS, NJ

Petitioner **MATTHEW T BOTELHO** of STURBRIDGE, MA a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

CHRISTIE A BOTELHO of TINTON FALLS, NJ
MATTHEW T BOTELHO of STURBRIDGE, MA have been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without** surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court, Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can peti-

tion the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. 03/11/2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758

Docket No. HD21P0397EA
Estate of: Gerard Feldeisen
Also known as:
Gerard J Feldeisen
Date of Death: 08/25/2020
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons: A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Stephanie M Bayliss** of Brimfield, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Stephanie M Bayliss** of Brimfield, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/01/2021.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be

taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court. Date: March 04, 2021

Rosemary A Saccomani
Register of Probate
03/11/2021

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by **Diane L. Nelson and Glenn W. Nelson to First Niagara Bank, N.A.** dated June 6, 2011, and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 18800, Page 513, of which mortgage Amos Financial LLC is the present holder by an assignment recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 23051, Page 436, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 12 p.m. on April 16, 2021 at 150 Ware Street, Palmer, Hampden County, MA, 01069, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage:

TO WIT:
A certain parcel of land in Palmer Centre, so-called, Hampden County, Massachusetts, on the westerly side of the Ware Road, just South of the County road leading to Thorndike, at the southeast corner of land formerly of William King and referred to as a heap of stones where an apple tree stood, running thence W 4°N, 8 rods, 17 links to a place referred to as a heap of stones; thence S 4° W, 6 rods, 15 links to a

place referred to as marked by a stake and stones; thence E 13° S, 7 ¾ rods to another heap of stones at the Ware road (also formerly referred to as a County road); thence Northerly by said road to the place of beginning.

Containing about one half acre of land with buildings thereon.

Subject to well rights as set forth in instrument dated April 24, 1847, and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 291, page 523.

Being the same premises conveyed to Grantor by deed record in Hampden County Registry of Deeds Book 18800, Page 504 and Book 18800, Page 507.

See also Book 18800, Page 510.

These premises will also be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

These premises will also be sold subject to all leases and tenancies having priority over said Mortgage, to rights or claims in personal property installed by tenants or former tenants now located on the premises, and to laws and ordinances including, but not limited to, all building and zoning laws and ordinances.

TERMS OF SALE:

The highest bidder in the sale of the premises shall deposit a bank treasurer's check, or certified check in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) at the time and place of the sale of the premises as a non-refundable earnest money deposit towards the purchase price to be held at the option of the Mortgagee as liquidated damages for any default by the successful bidder. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check to Joseph Perl, Attorney

at Law, 203 Arlington St., Suite 2, Watertown, MA 02472, whose phone number is 781-704-7047, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The successful bidder shall be required to sign a Memorandum of Sale at the public auction containing the terms herein and any additional terms set forth in the Memorandum of Sale or announced at the public auction. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

In the event that the successful bidder at the public auction fails to perform in the time specified to purchase the premises, the Mortgagee reserves the right, at its sole election, to sell the premises by foreclosure deed to the other qualified bidders, in descending order beginning with the next highest bidder, provided that in each case the next highest bidder delivers to Mortgagee the amount of the required deposit within three (3) business days after written notice of the default of the previous highest bidder and promptly executes a Memorandum of Sale providing for performance within thirty (30) days of execution. Mortgagee also reserves the right, at its sole election, to assume the bid of any defaulting or declining bidder. The Mortgagee reserves the right to postpone this sale to a later date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the sale and to further postpone any adjourned sale date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the adjourned sale date.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

Amos Financial LLC
Present holder of said mortgage
By its attorney,
Joseph Perl, Esq.
Law Office of Joseph Perl
203 Arlington St., Suite 2
Watertown, MA 02472
781-704-7047
03/04, 03/11, 03/18/2021

LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Timothy J. Petelle and Donna M. Petelle to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, acting solely as a nominee for Fremont Investment & Loan, dated September 29, 2006 and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 16246, Page 570 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as trustee for Morgan Stanley ABS Capital I Inc. Trust 2007-HE3 Mortgage Pass-through Certificates, Series 2007-HE3 is the present holder by Assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., its successors and assigns to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as trustee for Morgan Stanley ABS Capital I Inc. Trust 2007-HE3 dated July 16, 2012 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 19393, Page 439, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 12 Orchard Street, Palmer, MA 01069 will be sold at a Public Auction at **12:00 PM on April 6, 2021**, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

Certain real estate located in the Depot Village of Palmer bounded and described as follows:

Two certain tracts of land situate on the westerly side of Orchards Street on the Depot Village of said Palmer, and being lots numbered seven (7) and eight (8) on plan of lots of C.W. Hastings and Company, recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book of Plans 1, Page 203, to which plan reference is hereby made.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Hampden County Registry

of Deeds in Book 16246, Page 568.

The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.

Terms of the Sale: Cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA 01851 or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as trustee for Morgan Stanley ABS Capital I Inc. Trust 2007-HE3 Mortgage Pass-through Certificates, Series 2007-HE3

Korde & Associates, P.C.
900 Chelmsford Street
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Lowell, MA 01851
(978) 256-1500
Petelle, Timothy J. and
Donna M., 15-022730
03/04, 03/11, 03/18/2021

TOWN OF PALMER INVITATION FOR BIDS FY2021 CHEMICALS AND SUPPLIES PALMER WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT REBID#2021-01

Due to errors in publication this is Rebidding of FY2022 Chemicals and Supplies-Wastewater Treatment Plant. Sealed Bids will be accepted for CHEMICALS and SUPPLIES for the Palmer Wastewater Treatment Plant for the period of July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022. Specifications can be obtained by calling 413-283-2603 or email rmcnutt@townofpalmer.com

Bids will be accepted until **March 25, 2021 at 2:00PM**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. A 5% bid bond must be included with the Invitation to Bid.

All bids must be marked **"FY2022 Chemicals and Supplies- Palmer Wastewater Treatment Plant"**. This is a one year contract with the option for renewal for two (1) year periods at the sole discretion of the Town of Palmer.

LATE PROPOSALS will not be accepted. The bid is subject to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 30B, as amended to date. The Town reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, if it is in the public interest to do so, and to waive minor informalities.

Ryan McNutt
Town Manager
03/11, 03/18/2021

NOTICE OF HEARING NATIONAL GRID March 25, 2021 1:45 PM

In accordance with the provisions of Section 22, Chapter 166 of the Massachusetts General Laws, you are hereby notified that a public hearing will be held at the Palmer Town Administration Building, 4417 Main St., Palmer at 1:45PM on the 25th day of March, 2021 on the petition of National Grid and Verizon to locate poles, wires and fixtures along and across one or more public ways located at Palmer Street in the Town of Palmer.

Ryan McNutt,
Town Manager
03/11/2021

Time for some financial spring cleaning

In just a few days, we will experience the vernal equinox – one of the two times in the year when the sun is exactly above the equator. Apart from this astronomical anomaly, though, the equinox is mostly known as the beginning of spring – a fresh beginning and the time to spruce things up. This year, as you tidy up your home and surroundings, why not also consider some financial spring cleaning?

Here are a few ideas for getting your financial house in order: **"De-clutter" your portfolio.** Over the years, many of us tend to pick up duplicate items that find their way into the nooks and crannies of our homes, gathering dust and remaining unused. Over time, your investment portfolio can also accumulate redundancies – that is, you might own several investments that are essentially similar. It might be appropriate to replace some of these and broaden your holdings.

Own your investments purposefully. You own certain things for certain reasons – a broom to sweep the floors, a microwave to heat the food and so on. As an investor, you should be following a goal-based strategy that includes the matching of certain investments with certain objectives. For example, you might own stocks or mutual funds to eventually provide the capital appreciation potential you'll need to retire comfortably. But you might also own other vehicles, such as bonds or other fixed-income investments, to provide you with a source of regular income.

"Dust off" your investment strategy. Over a long winter, your windows can get dirty and grimy, so, when spring arrives, you may want to get out the glass cleaner – and when you're done, you'll be able to see out more clearly. Over time, your investment strategy may get somewhat "dusty," too, especially if you've experienced significant changes in your life, such as a new job, a new child or even a new plan for retirement. By periodically reviewing your investment strategy, you'll be able to clarify your vision for the future.

Protect yourself from hidden dangers. If you poke around your garage, shed or other storage area, you may well find some objects – gardening tools, paint thinners and engine fluids, leaning ladders and so on – that could be dangerous, either because they aren't stored properly or they're hard to see and can cause trips and falls. As part of your spring cleaning, you'd want to get these objects out of harm's way to safeguard yourself and your family. But when you think of your financial situation, are you also exposing yourself and your loved ones to risk? If something were to happen to you, could your family members stay in their home? Could your children still go to college? To help keep their lifestyle intact if you weren't around, you'll need adequate life insurance. And to avoid burdening your grown children with potentially huge expenses should you ever need some type of long-term care, such as an extended nursing home stay, you may want to talk to a financial advisor about protection strategies.

By taking some spring cleaning measures, you can brighten your living space for the seasons ahead. And by applying some of the same principles to your financial environment, you can help improve the prospects for meeting your important goals.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.



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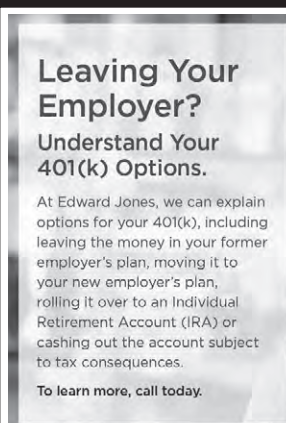
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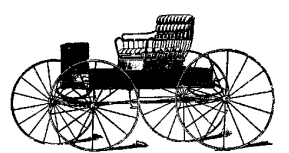
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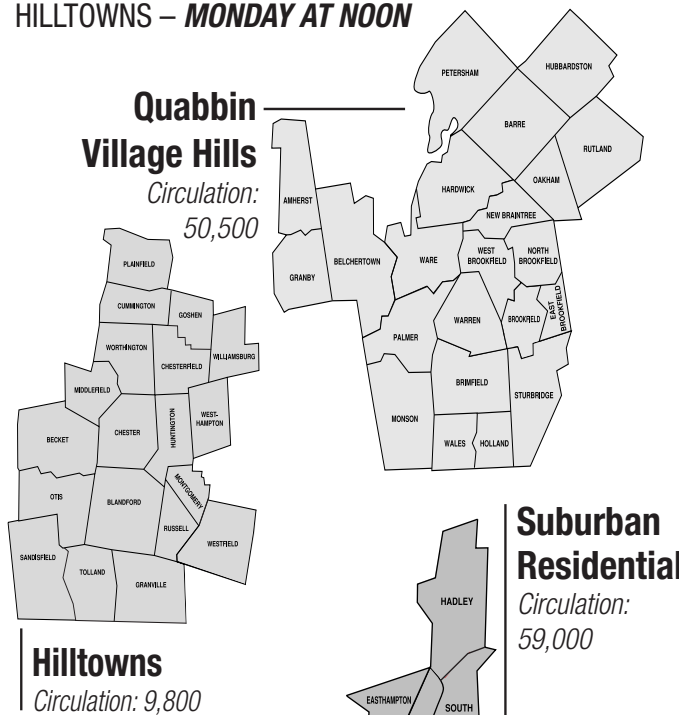
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NOW

CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER: SONS of AMVETS Squadron 74 2015 Main Street Three Rivers, will offer curbside pick-up meals noon-4 p.m. Sunday, March 14, while supplies last. The cost is \$13 per meal.

MINDFULNESS MEDITATION: Looking to connect with your inner self? Hitchcock Academy has classes in mindfulness meditation to help you throw off your winter fog. Now underway and continuing over the next three weeks, instructor Annette Farrington will be your online guide to forming mindfulness meditation practices that will help you deal with and manage your stress level. Register at hitchcockacademy.org.

DOG TRAINING: A new session of Introduction to K9 Nosework training begins on March 6 at Hitchcock Academy. Register at hitchcockacademy.org.

FREE WEBINAR SERIES FOR TEENS AND YOUNG ADULTS: Junior Achievement of Western Massachusetts, in partnership with MassMutual Passages Business Resource Group, is offering a series of webinars on Zoom for teens and young adults. Each seminar will be one hour in length and will include: An Overview of MassMutual Passages Business Resource Group; Guest speakers discussing different careers and pathways; Question and answer period. The next one is

12:45 p.m. on March 9. Can't participate live? You can view later on-demand. For more and to register go to jawn.org/massmutual-career-opportunity-webinar

SOON

ROAST PORK DINNER: 4:30-6 p.m. March 20, at Monson-Glendale United Methodist Church, 162 Main Street, Monson. Menu: Roast pork and applesauce, roasted potatoes, veggies, sauerkraut rolls homemade dessert \$12 for adults, \$6 for children. Reserve your dinner for pick-up by calling 267-5207 by March 16.

FILM FESTIVAL FUNDRAISER: The Therapeutic Equestrian Center in Holyoke is hosting a virtual fundraising event featuring the 2021 Winnie Film Festival Tour. This film fest will feature exclusive world premier short documentary films that celebrate the healing powers of the horse. Enjoy two hours of inspiring and heart-warming films anytime from 5 p.m. on Friday, April 9, until 10 p.m. Sunday, April 11. Registration fee is \$25, which helps support the not-for-profit TEC. You'll be provided a link to stream to any smart device such as phones, tablets, and TVs. Binge in one sitting or stretch the viewing out over the entire weekend – the choice is yours! To register, go to teccriders.org.

From the Palmer Library

2020 Tax Forms are now available through the Palmer Public Library Curbside Pickup. To schedule a time to pick up forms, please visit palmerlibrary.org/tax-forms or call us at 413-283-3330 (press 0 then dial ext. 100).

INTERESTS

KEEP HOMESTEAD MUSEUM at 35 Ely Rd., Monson is closed until further notice due to the continuation of the COVID 19 pandemic. There will be no meetings, tours, events or programs. They are hoping to hold the Concert on the Lawn in August. Nature trails are open daily until dusk for hiking, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. Trail maps can be found in the parking lot. The Phillips Sculpture Garden is open year-round (handouts in box on one of the sign posts). For more information call 413-267-4137, email khn@keephomesteadmuseum.org. Visit their new website, where you can take a virtual tour, at keephomesteadmuseum.org.

THE QUABOAG VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD is looking for new members. The Guild meets on the first, third and fifth Thursdays of the month at 1 p.m. in the basement of the Palmer Historical and Cultural Center, 2072 Main St., Three Rivers. The Guild is a no pressure group with varying degrees of accomplishments, from novice to Big E "Best In Show" winners. The membership fee is \$48 a year. For more information, contact Barbara Beaulieu at 267-4044 or Merry Mombourquette at 283-7577. Follow us on Facebook.

MONSON WOODWACKERS wood carving club meets every Thursday at Monson Senior Center on Main Street in Monson from 6-8 p.m. The club meets throughout the year. Membership is \$10 for the year, payable in September. Anyone interested should call Barbara Mackintosh at 413-237-8303. There are many beginner projects and experienced teachers, as well, within the club.

STAINED GLASS MAKING CLASS will be held on Thursdays at the Holland Community Center from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. or 6-9 p.m. Glass and tools are supplied. Take six classes for \$48. Class sizes are limited and are open to all ages. For more information call Tom Baltazar at 508-245-2525.

DIAMOND NATIONAL/CASCADES DIAMOND. Did you every work there? Former employees meet on the third Tuesday of every month at Burgundy Brook Restaurant on Route 181 in Palmer from 9-10 a.m. The stories shared are often colorful but old friendships are renewed.

ONGOING

MUSIC LESSONS, YOGA AND MORE: Just because days are short, and the thermometer reads cold doesn't mean there's nothing to do. Hitchcock Academy constantly works with instructors to offer options to its community members. Look for upcoming classes in yoga, tai chi, meditation, and fencing. Hitchcock Academy follows all current COVID guidelines for cleaning and social distancing and anyone using the facility must wear a mask.

All information regarding current class

offerings, events, and registration are available at hitchcockacademy.org.

FREE FOOD PROGRAM: The Massachusetts Military Support Foundation has found a way to get food to families that need it. The Farmers to Families program, set up by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, is part of a Coronavirus Food Assistance Program that help people all over the nation and has a site in Springfield open to all residents. The program will supply food kits with fresh fruits and vegetables, dairy products and meat products that distributes package into family-sized boxes. You can register for your food kit at mmsfi.org. On the website choose "Springfield, Ma" as your pick up site and sign-up. Register for one week or all four with easy one time registration. Food kit includes fresh dairy, protein, and produce totaling 30+ pounds of food. Military families are encouraged to sign-up but registration is open to the public.

LEARN ABOUT LOCAL HISTORY: Want to learn more about local history? The Elbow Plantation Historical Society is available for research and other information. They can be reached at elbow.plantation@gmail.com. Send them your questions and comments and leave your preferred contact information and they will respond asap.

THE MONSON LIONS CLUB has a 20-foot x 20-foot tent for rent. The cost is \$75 for a two-day event. The club will put it up and take it down. For more details, contact Curt at 413-668-6653.

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take action before March 15 many small businesses may be forced to pay a 5% tax on the income received through the program.

The second letter circulated addressed support for Gov. Charlie Baker's bill H.55, "An Act financing a program for improvements to the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund and relief to employers in the Commonwealth," which will freeze the experience rate of employers for calendar year 2021 and

calendar year 2022 at rate schedule "E" and ensure the solvency of the fund. During the pandemic many businesses were forced to lay off employees as a result of state-mandated closures and health concerns, and without legislative action employers who were paying \$539 in unemployment insurance taxes per worker in 2020 will see their rates jump significantly, to \$858 per worker. If enacted, the bill will provide timely relief for Massachusetts

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